

feeling excluded? come be alienated with us!

QUEER MUTINY

NOT 'GAY COMMUNITY'!

SATURDAY 26 JULY 2003

**On this oh so special day, we invite you to abandon
this superficial, rather pathetic shadow of GENUINE Pride
in our Queerness, and come mutiny with us:**

*Outside the (prison) fences of 'Pride in the Park',
we will be 'liberating' our own section of Hyde Park
to stage YET ANOTHER fine FREE queer alternative event!*

**SOLAR 12V SOUNDSYSTEM & DJs / TRASHY CABARET
VEGAN FOOD / DIY SEXTOY MAKING / POLITICS
CRUISING / WRESTLING MATCHES / BODY PAINTING
MUTINOUS PIRATE FUN & GAMES / KISSING BOOTH
NUISANCE PLANNING / BANDS / NETWORKING
FREE LOVE / MASSAGE / CAKES / OTHER STUFF**

**LOOK OUT FOR PIRATE FLAGS / BUNTING
&/OR GUIDES FROM THE PARK TO FIND US!**

or join us on the march first: meet 11:30 at parliament square. dress piratical!

**In the EVENING -- PIRATE PARTY!
DANCING / DJs / BANDS / CABARET / CHEAP BENT SLEAZY FUN
Venue TBA
(ask us, or call the QM Hotline for details/ location on the day)**

this is a DIY (do it yourself) event.
that means we're organising it ourselves, with our own time, talents and ingenuity –
we encourage and welcome you to join us! bring your skills/ talents/ art/ picnic/
gorgeousness/ horniness to share, but unlike mardi gras, you won't need to bring money.

so why are we doing this? think!

- Disillusioned by this shallow, exploitative commercial shit?
- Pissed off that 'Pride', which originated as a radical queer political action, has been reduced to a Great Marketing Opportunity?
- Wonder why, if we're all so proud and free now, we still have such a hard time telling our mothers/ workmates/ children, and why queer teenagers are still getting bullied, abused and committing suicide?
- Not sure it's such a privilege to be allowed to get married (but not divorced), join the army, be a bishop, buy insurance and gym membership, and be Normal enough for the Tory/Labour party?
- Wondering how to get home tonight without getting any grief for not being straight?

Still feeling 'proud'? WAKE UP!

IF YOU'RE NOT ANGRY, YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION!

as great as it is to have an event for LGBT people to celebrate, and take over london for the day, we believe it could be so much better, more diverse and inclusive. we can be POWERFUL and CREATIVE. queer life can be so amazing, about so much more than beer and fashion. we don't need to buy our identities or 'pride', we can make use of our own brilliance, sexiness and passion for life every day of the year.

WHO WE ARE:

**pissed off queer punx / glamour goddesses / rabble rousers
bikesexuals / fierce freaks / sexual partners-in-crime / po-mo homos
trannyfags / dirty dykes / filthy pigboys / fluffy fairies / sexy celibates
transgressive trisexuals / disaffected genderebels / fatgirlz / geeks
old / disabled / poor / anticapitalist / antiwar / prochoice / passionate
QUEERS OF ALL SEXUALITIES**

this event is brought to you by the same motley crew who put together ANARQUIST, LA-DI-DAH, QUEERUPTION gatherings 1 & 4, FLAMING QUEERS parties, the EROTIC CABARET, various low-budget vegan cafés and film nights, radical queer self-defence classes, the *pink pauper* spoof paper & much more mischief ...

FURTHER INFO/ CONTACTS

website -- **www.queeruption.com**

email list -- **<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ladidah>**

QUEER MUTINY HOTLINE -- 07949 976016

what we say:

“this is the third year we’ve done a diy, free queer alternative to mardi gras in london, and other cities around the world are doing similar ‘gay shame’ events. part of the reason for our efforts is that we feel a pride-type festival should be free, but it goes deeper than that: even if we could afford to pay £25, we’re still opposed to the assimilationist & capitalist ethos of mardi gras & the gay scene in general”

ali, 33, hackney

“queer mutiny will obviously be small in comparison to mardi gras: a few hundred people rather than tens of thousands herded into a fenced enclosure. queer mutiny is organised by queer people, for queer people, sharing our own skills & resources. in that respect it’s a reflection of what the pride event originally stood for”

sara, 41, brixton

“queer mutiny differs from mardi gras in lots of ways, but a fundamental point is that we believe ‘pride’ should be a 365-day thing, rather than just one afternoon in the summer when we’re expected to pay for the privilege of leaving our waterbottles & picnic baskets at the front gates, spending too much money & then going home & waiting for next year”

russell, 31, dalston

“we’re planning to have lots of stuff going on: shiatsu, bodypainting, sex toy-making, cabaret, food, games. it’ll all be free. queer mutiny is open for anyone to do their thing: there’s a group that’s nominally ‘organising’ the event, but really what that means is helping create an inclusive, autonomous, fence-less space in the park & we’re all responsible for its success”

micha, 26, peckham

“it’s called ‘queer mutiny’ because that’s how we see what we’re doing, rising up against things that have become a kind of commercial gay scene orthodoxy: that making money is key; that we’ve all got money to spend in the first place; that everything should be gender-segregated; that people of colour are invisible unless fetishised; that bi & trans people don’t exist; that everything should be glossy & neat. we’re queers of all sexualities: queer isn’t just about sexual orientation, or a synonym of ‘gay’, it’s a state of mind”

cathy, 34, vauxhall

what the gay mainstream has said about us:

“it’s a free world, these people can say what they want. but i have no idea why they are so upset”

jason pollock (mardi gras festival director) on ananova.com, 2001

“the group has sprung from a movement that lacks a name and whose members refuse to be pigeonholed”

rainbownetwork.com, 2001

“join the ‘freeques’ (be free and queer) or be warned: you could dance to steps, lose your friends and spend a fortune all in the name of gay pride”

queercompany.com, 2001

full versions at **www.queeruption.com/pressreports.htm**

downloadable photos at **http://uk.photos.yahoo.com/queer_mutiny**
(the login: queer_mutiny / password: notconsumerunity)

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